

# OUR METHODIST POST CARD ALBUM

From the Churches of  
Sussex, Hunterdon  
and Warren Counties

*Historical Society*  
Northern New Jersey Conference  
The United Methodist Church

## Editor's Introduction

Our publication this year is quite unique. The simulation of a picture postcard album provides opportunity to present pictures of many of our churches, some of which no longer exist, or are currently in use for other purposes. Although the pictures in this album are typically from the period 1900-1914, keep in mind that in most cases these churches were built at a much earlier date. Therefore, this present publication takes on special significance.

We owe thanks to Rev. William Noll and William Turkowski, prominent postcard collector, for their creative conception which led to this publication. Most of the cards in this offering are from William Turkowski's collection and

are rare, indeed. Other persons, who have loaned cards, include Olive Smith, Helen Wurst, and Harvey Barlow.

This publication focuses on three of the counties represented in the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference—Hunterdon, Warren, and Sussex. A few of the churches, although not in our Conference, are in the counties covered, and therefore included.

It is our hope that next year's offering will continue our postcard presentation of as many of the rest of our churches as possible. Please help us by searching in your churches and family memorabilia and loaning us cards we may photograph.

Robert Drew Simpson, Ph.D.  
*Editor*

## Introduction

The pictures in this book are all taken from picture postcards. Although postal cards were introduced in the 1870s, they did not contain pictures until 1898. With technology increasing, the publishers could transfer a photograph to the front of a card with a clear, crisp image being reproduced. Most cards of churches are black and white, but occasionally we find lithograph (colored) or hand colored, when a black and white card has color tinted on it. These are the types of commercially produced cards which appeared in the early years of this century. Until 1906 all messages were required by law to appear on the picture side. This is why so many of the early cards have writing on the front. After 1906 the back of the card was divided into two parts, one for message, the other for address.

Literally billions of cards were produced. The penny postcard was an essential of everyday life, as well as a collecting craze. Every child had an album which, before the advent of radio and television, gave a look at far away places and events. Before cars and telephones, the postcards were used for messages. If you planned to visit, you simply told your host "Arrive tomorrow on the 7:14," and you sent your message for one cent on a beautiful card. Clubs just for postcard exchange were organized. Soon people make their own cards. This was done by reproducing photographs on photographic paper. These are called real photo cards. Many local photographers would take pictures at fairs,

disasters, parades, etc. and sell them at booths or from their stores.

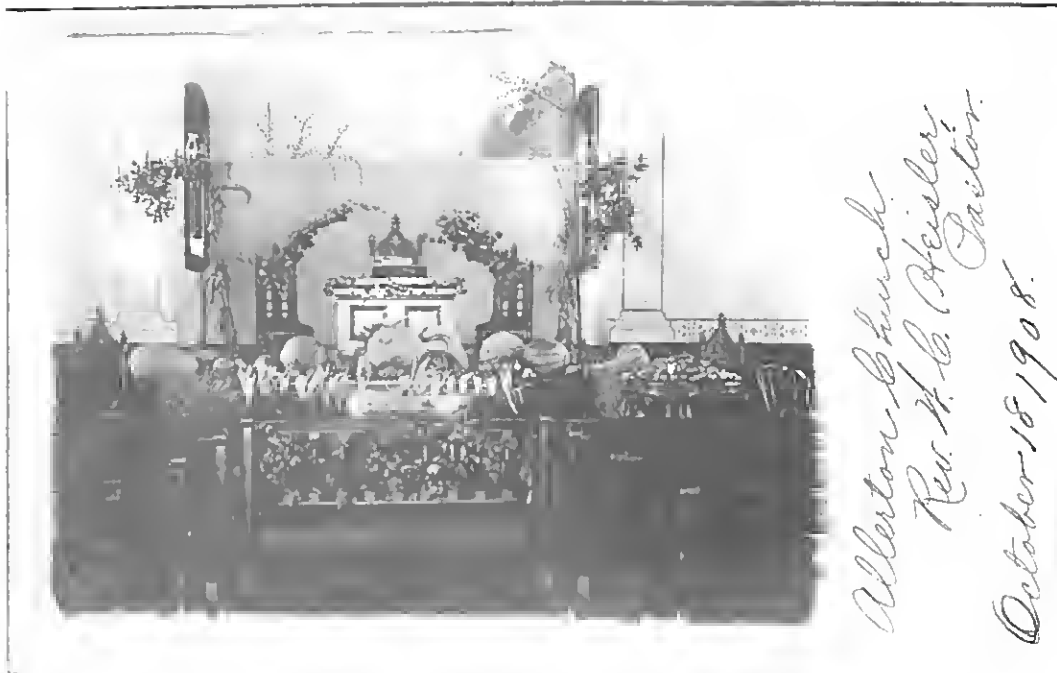
This postcard craze was short-lived. Most of the cards were produced in Germany and, with the advent of World War I, production decreased rapidly. The subsequent domestically produced cards were blurry and on poor quality paper. For these reasons, the bulk of our cards were produced from 1900-1914. Churches were always favorite topics with their high steeples and architectural windows. They were cards avidly sought. Since commercially produced cards were done in lots of a thousand, many have survived today. Births, weddings, and deaths were commemorated in the local church so every town and little store had cards of the local church.

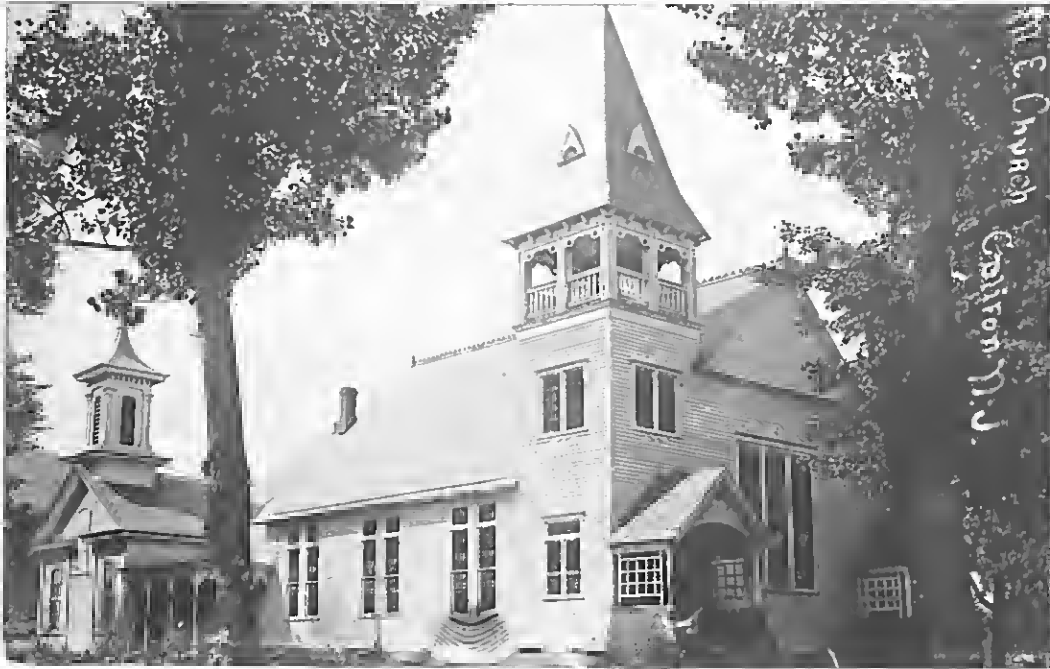
When viewing the cards, try to put yourself into the time frame of early 1900, when roads were dirt, travel was by foot or wagon. There were no motion pictures, radio, or TV. The church was the center of these rural agricultural communities. Harvest Homes, Rally Days, Men's Days, Ladies Days, Epworth Leagues were eagerly awaited events. These churches served as spiritual and social centers. Amazingly, you will find that many of these churches survive. With wood frames, lighted attractive high spires, and wood or coal-burning furnaces, they almost invite calamity. Fortunately, except in a few rare cases, church boards have decided to retain the original architecture and the churches look much as they did almost a century ago.

William Turkowski

## HUNTERDON COUNTY

Church	Currently in Use	Picture Available
Allerton	Yes	Yes
Bloomsbury	Yes	Yes
Califon	Yes	Yes
Centerville	Yes	Yes
Changewater	Yes	Yes
Clinton	Yes	Yes
Cokesbury	Yes	Yes
Everittstown	Yes	No
Fairmount	Yes	Yes
Fleminton	Yes	Yes
Frenchtown	Yes	Yes
Glen Gardner	Yes	No
Hampton (Junction)	Yes	Yes
High Bridge	Yes	Yes
Kingwood	Yes	Yes
Lambertville	Yes	Yes
Lebanon	Yes	Yes
Little York	Yes	Yes
Norton	Yes	No
New Germantown	Yes	Yes
Oldwick	Yes	Yes
Pattensburg	Yes	Yes
Quakertown	Yes	Yes
Sergeantsville	Yes	Yes
Stockton	Yes	Yes
West Portal	Yes	Yes
Whitehouse	Yes	Yes

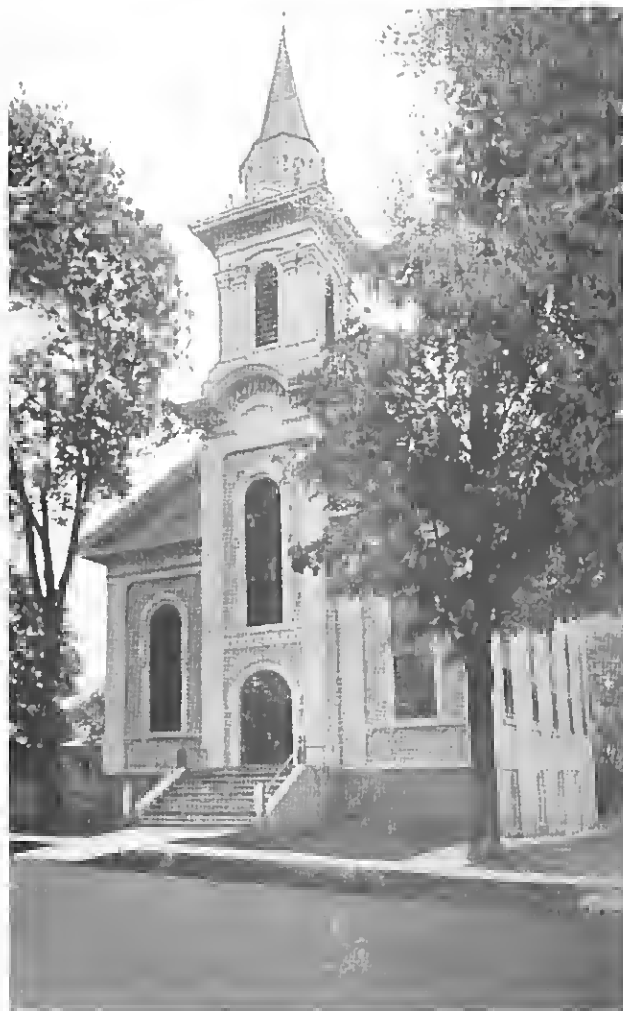




Califon: The Building in the rear was originally the Methodist Church in Oldwick, moved to Califon in 1867. Built in 1824, it is the oldest Methodist chapel still in use in our Conference. The larger building in front was built in 1889.



Centerville



M. E. CHURCH, Clinton, N. J.



M. E. Church, Cokesbury, N. J.

Pub. by Harry Philhower.



FARMINGTON,  
N. J.  
METHODIST  
CHURCH.

E. Vosseler, Stationer.





Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairmount, N. J.

Pub. by Howard Sutton.



Interior View of M. E. Church, Fairmount, N. J.

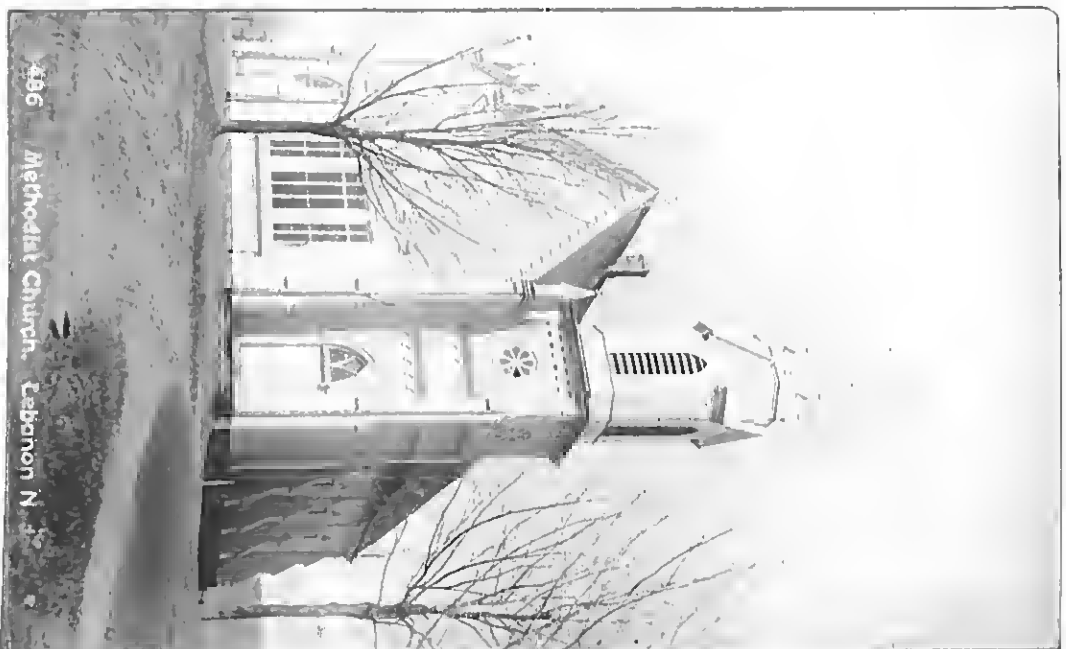




Methodist Church, Janetown N. J.

*M. E. Church, High Bridge, N. J.*

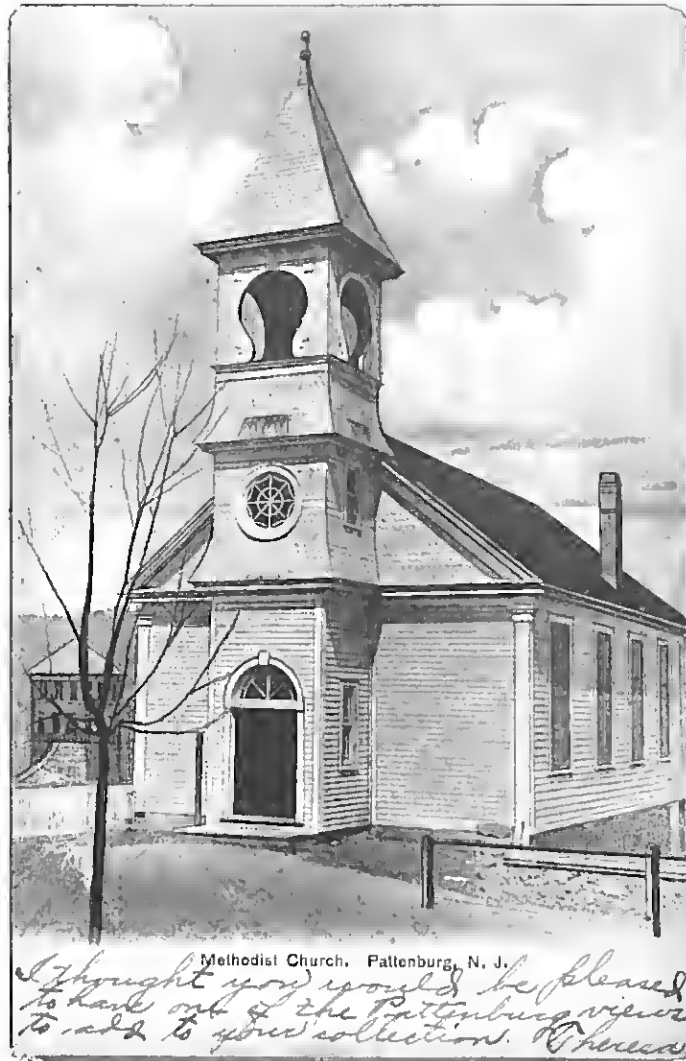


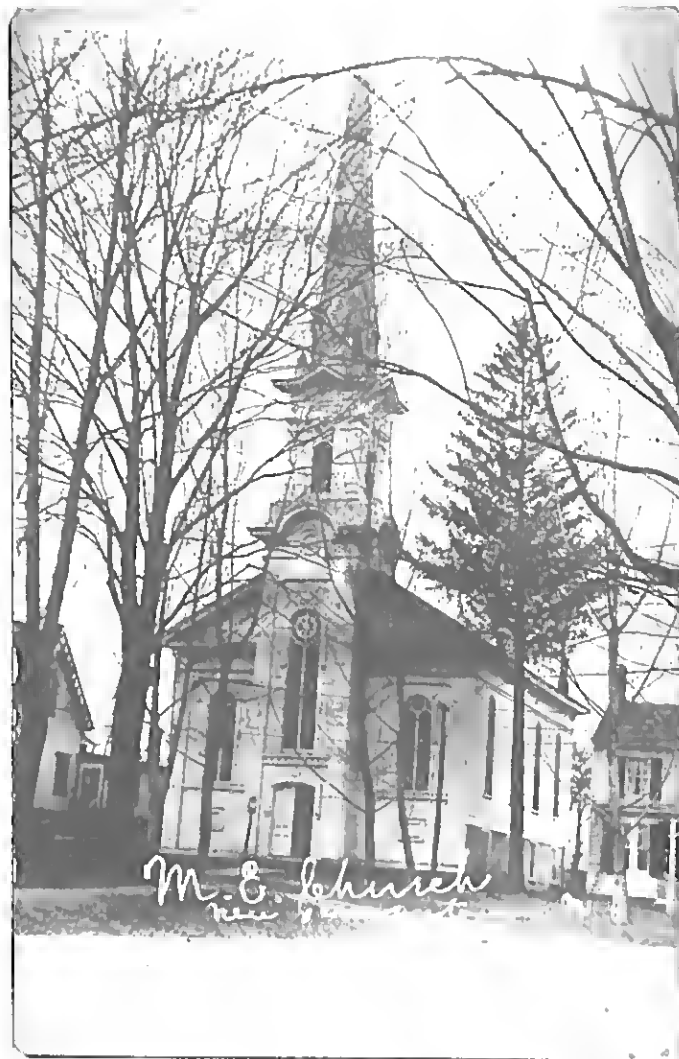


496 Methodist Church, Lebanon N. H.

Methodist  
Church.  
City of York,  
N. Y.  
July 12, 1907.







No. 1. M. E. Church, Quirkertown, N. J.

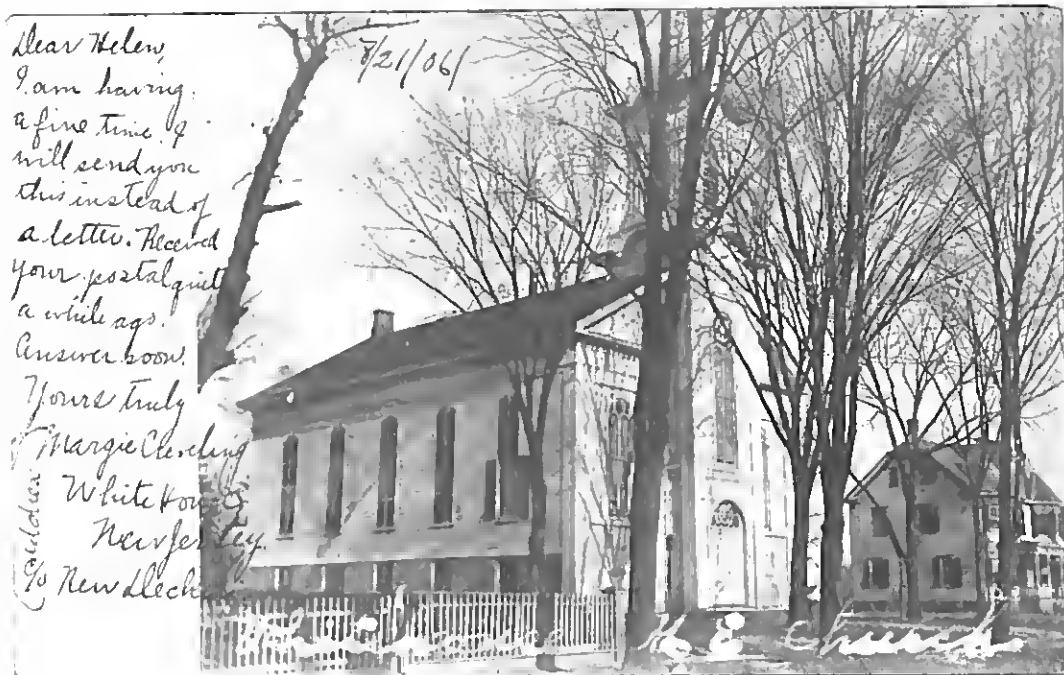






*Published by Daniel Hoppock*

**Methodist Church, West Portal, N. J.**



## SUSSEX COUNTY

Church	Currently in Use	Picture Available
Andover	No	Yes
Branchville	Yes	Yes
Colesville	Yes	Yes
Frankford Plains	Yes	No
Hainesville	Yes	Yes
Hayton	Residence	Yes
Lafayette	Residence	Yes
Libertyville	For Sale	No
Lockwood	Razed	Yes
McAfee	Residence	Yes
Newton	Razed	Yes
Sparta	Yes	Yes
Stanhope	?	Yes
Stillwater	Yes	Yes
Stockholm	Yes	Yes
Sussex	Yes	Yes
Swartswood	Courthouse	Yes
Tranquility	Yes	No
Vernon	Yes	Yes
Walpack Center	U.S. Government Owned	Yes
Waterloo	Yes	Yes

Methodist Episcopal Church, Andover, N. J.  
erected 1892.



A-1486. M. E. Church & Parsonage,  
Branchville, N. J.





Colesville Church & Parsonage

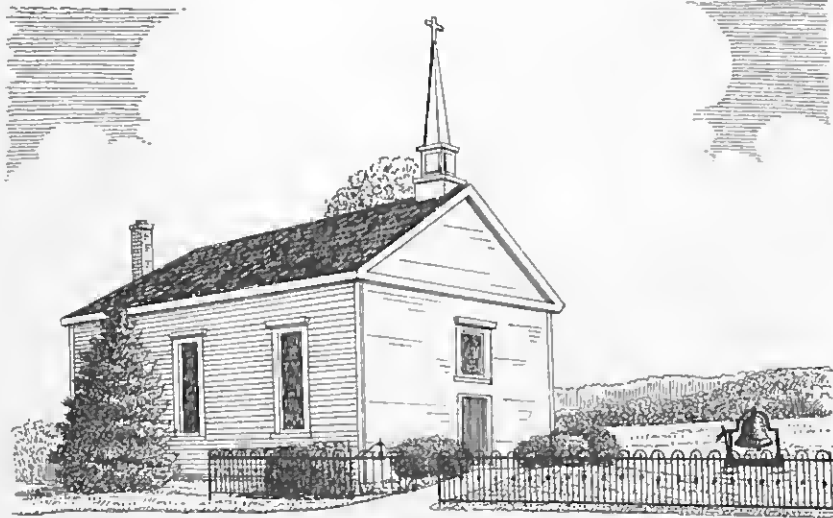




Residence Dr. Jones

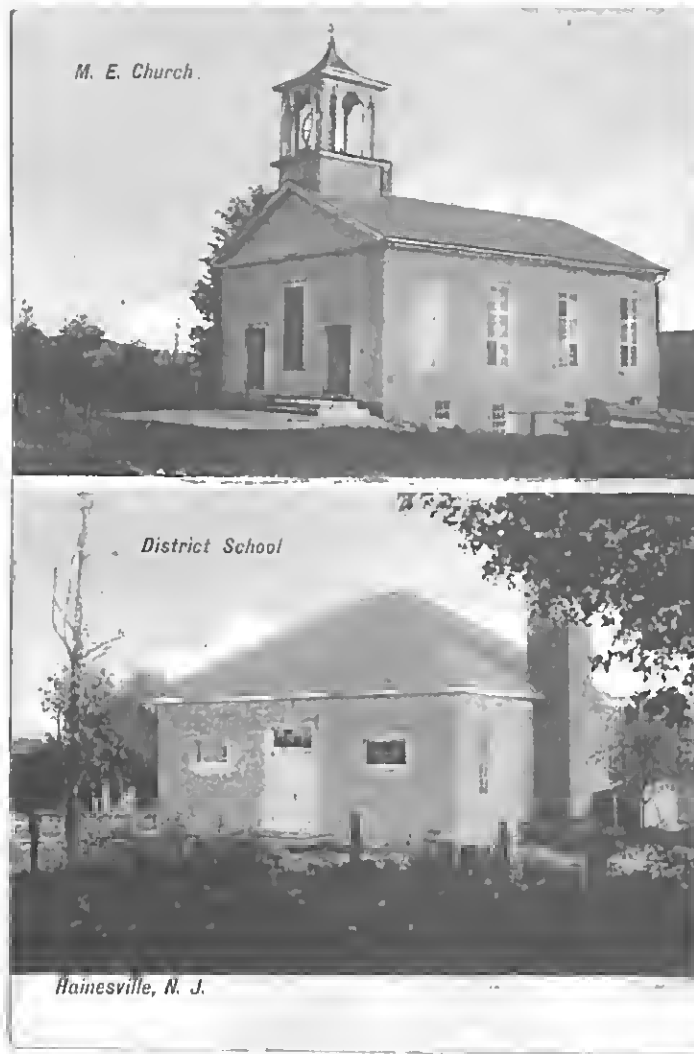


Church and School, Laytons, N. J.



Frankford Plains United Methodist Church

Augusta, N.J.



Lafayette



Lockwood Methodist Episcopal Church, Built 1835. Photo Taken 1891.



CHURCH AND SCHOOL.  
MCAFEE, N. J.



Methodist Church, Newton, N. J.

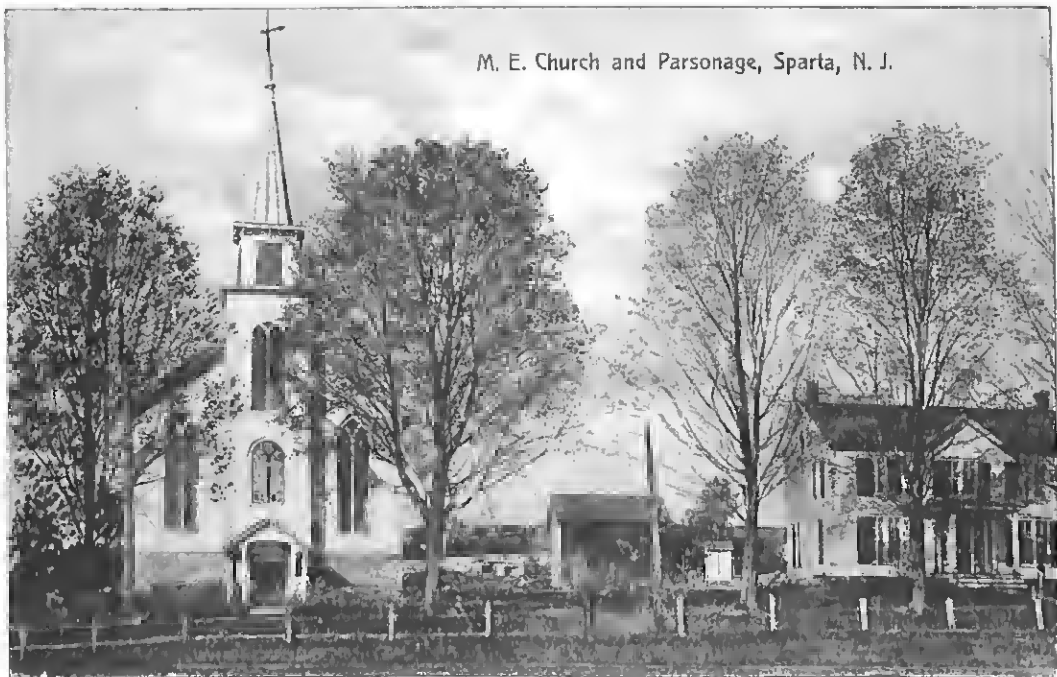


M. E. CHURCH, Ogdensburg, N. J.

M. E. Church, Sparta, N. J.

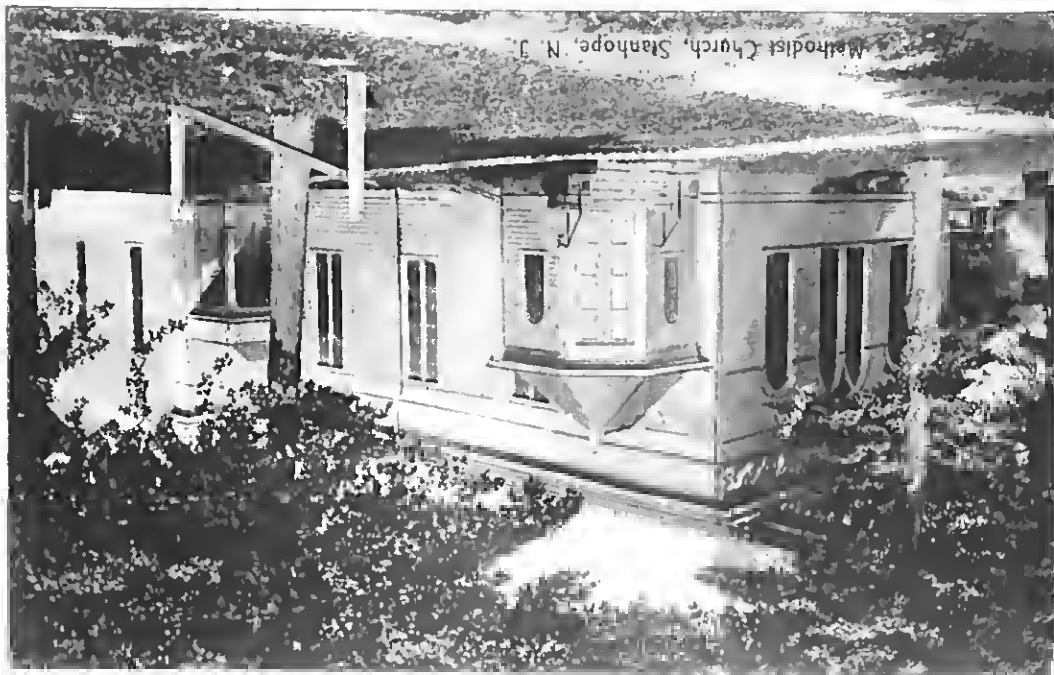


M. E. Church and Parsonage, Sparta, N. J.

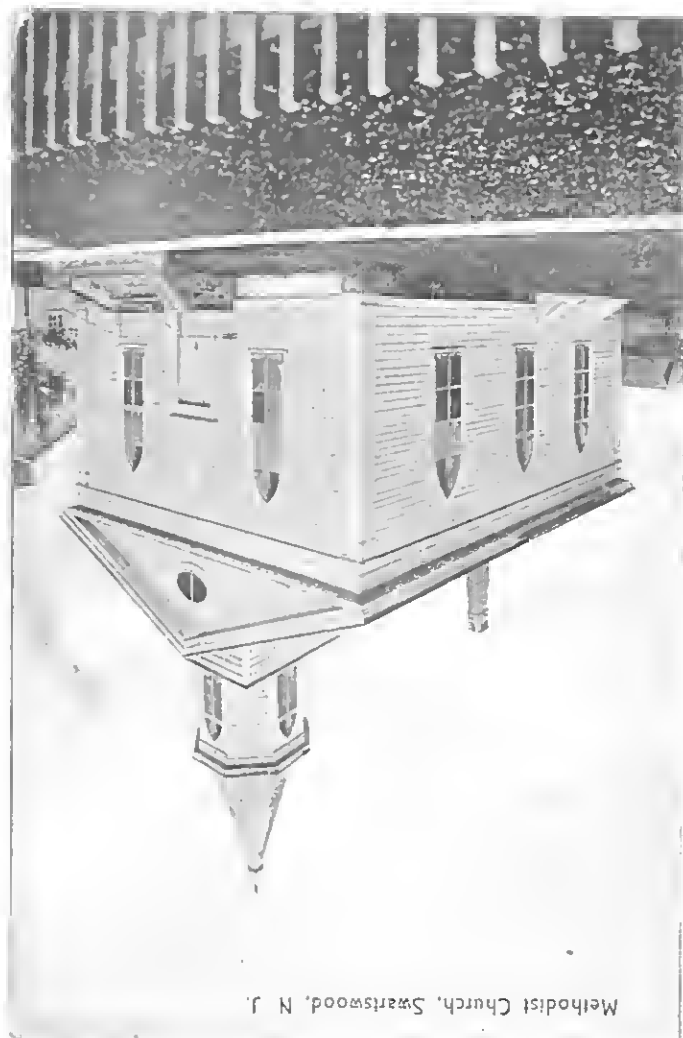




Stockholm



Methodist Church, Stanhope, N. J.



Methodist Church, Swartswood, N. J.



M. E. CHURCH, Sussex, N. J.



Sussex



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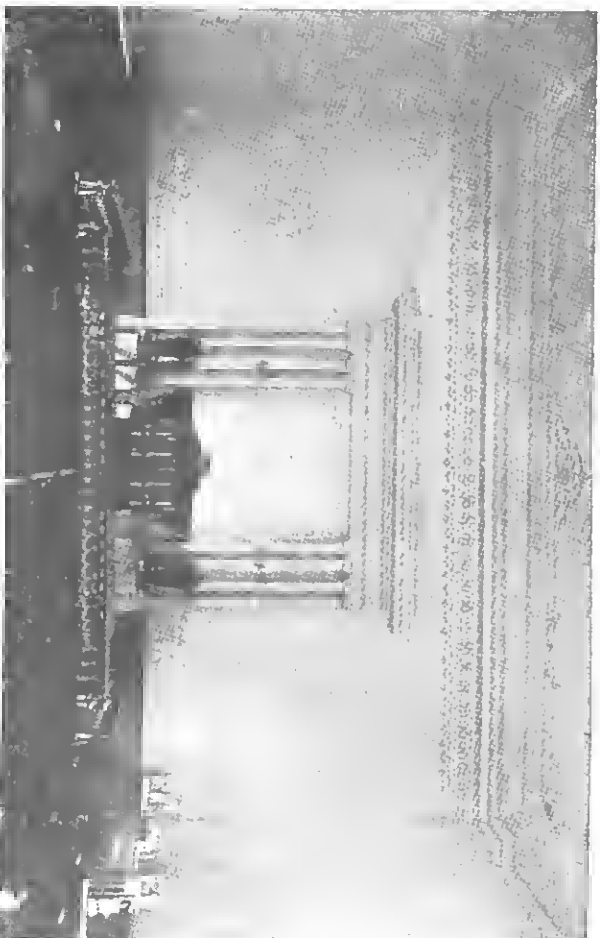
M. E. CHURCH, Vernon, N. J.



Wallpack M. E. Church, Wallpack Center, N. J.



Waterloo



Methodist Episcopal Church, Waterloo, N. J.

## WARREN COUNTY

Church	Currently in Use	Picture Available
Anderson	Yes	Yes
Asbury	Yes	Yes
Belvidere	Yes	Yes
Blairstown	Yes	Yes
Broadway	Replaced	Yes
Buttzville	Yes	Yes
Columbia	No	Yes
Ebenezer	Residence	Yes
Finesville	Yes	No
Hackettstown	Yes	Yes
Hainesburg	Yes	Yes
Harmony	?	Yes
Hope	Yes	Yes
Johnsonburg	Yes	No
Millbrook	Yes	Yes
Montana	Yes	No
Mt. Bethel	Yes	No
Mt. Hermon	Yes	No
Oxford	Yes	Yes
Phillipsburg	Yes	Yes
Phillipsbury Wesley	?	No
Port Colden	Yes	Yes
Port Murray	Yes	Yes
Summerfield	Yes	Yes
Vienna	Yes	Yes
Walnut Valley	Residence	Yes
Washington	Yes	Yes





M.E. Church, Asbury, N.J.



M. E. Church and Parsonage, Asbury, N. J.

Pub. by E. H. Smith.



Belvidere



Methodist Episcopal Church, Belvidere, N. J.



Methodist Episcopal Church,  
Blairstown, N. J.



Anderson M. E. Church, Washington, N. J.

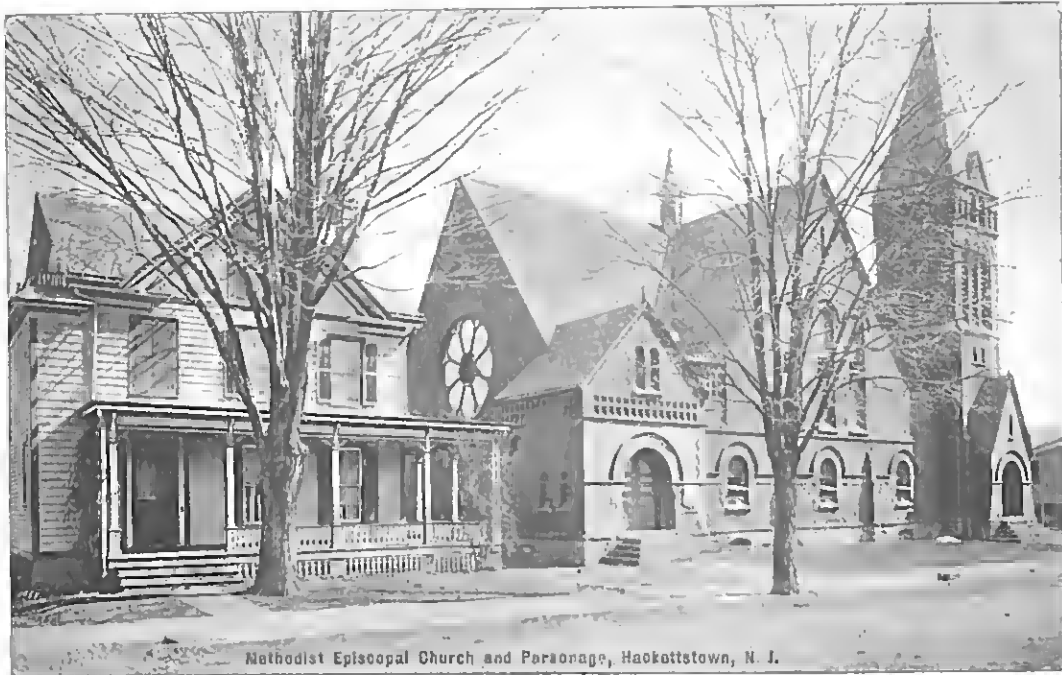




M. E. CHURCH, COLUMBIA, N. J.



M. E. Church at Ebenezer, N. J.  
 You see Ebenezer is not at all behind  
 the times, although it is so small.  
 Do you remember being in this building  
 M. J. E.



Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage, Hackensack, N. J.



Chapel, Centenary Collegiate Institute, Hackensack, N. J.



Methodist Church, Hainesburg, N. J.




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**HISTORIC  
MILLBROOK  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

*Dedicated*  
**July 1, 1833**

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Methodist Church, Harmony, N. J.

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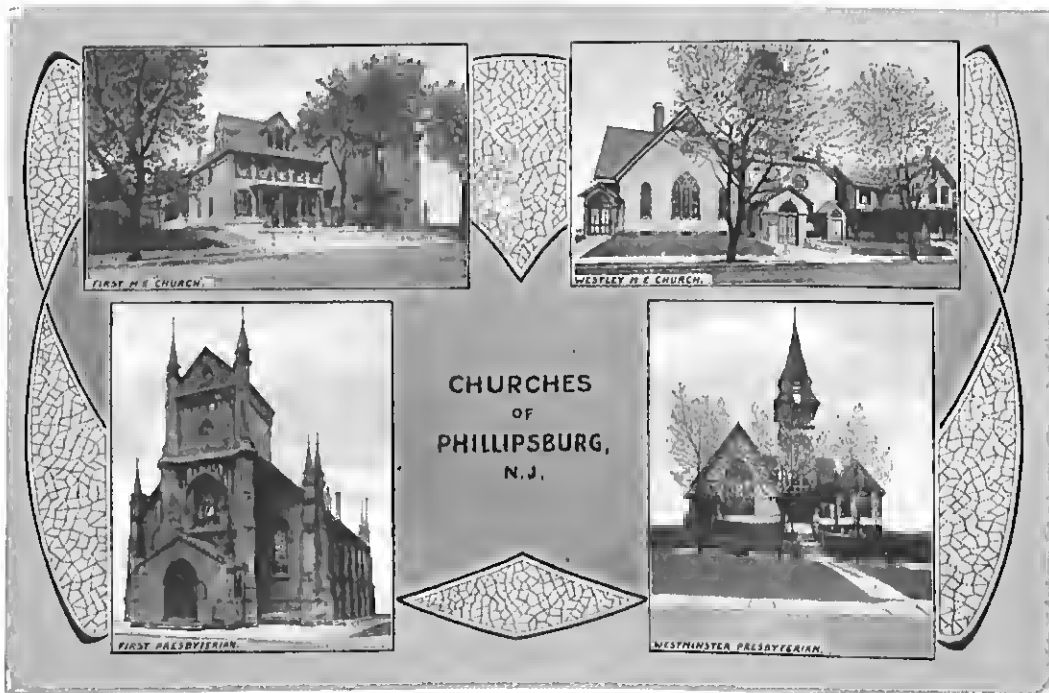
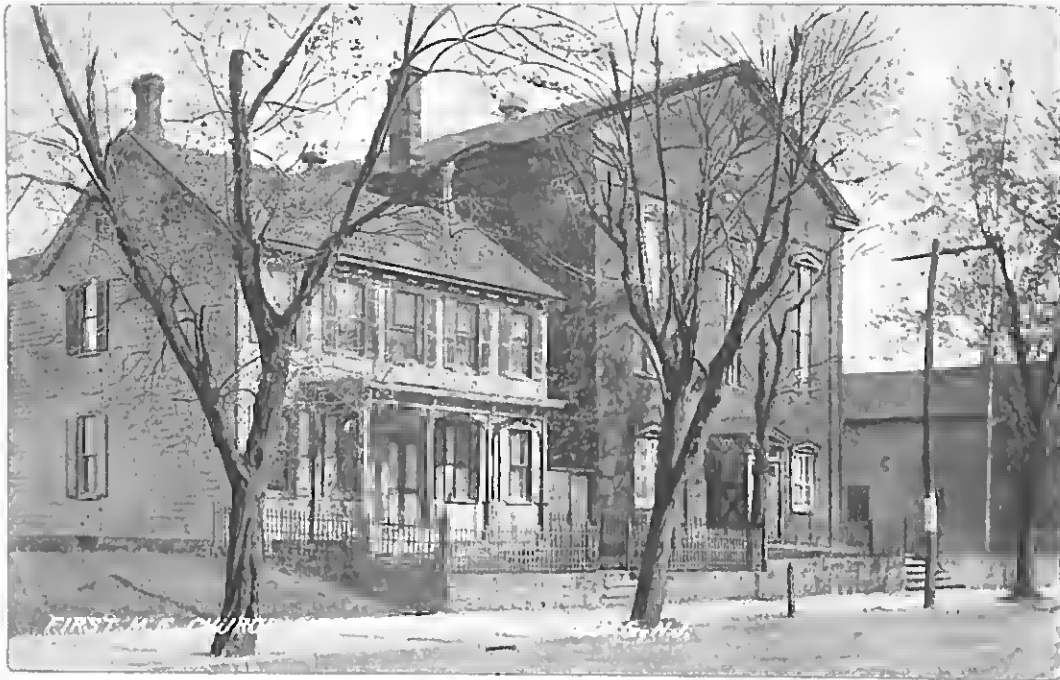


M. E. Church, HOPE, N. J.











M. E. CHURCH AND PUBLIC SCHOOL, PORT COLDEN, N. J.

H. A. JENNINGS, NEWARK, N. J.

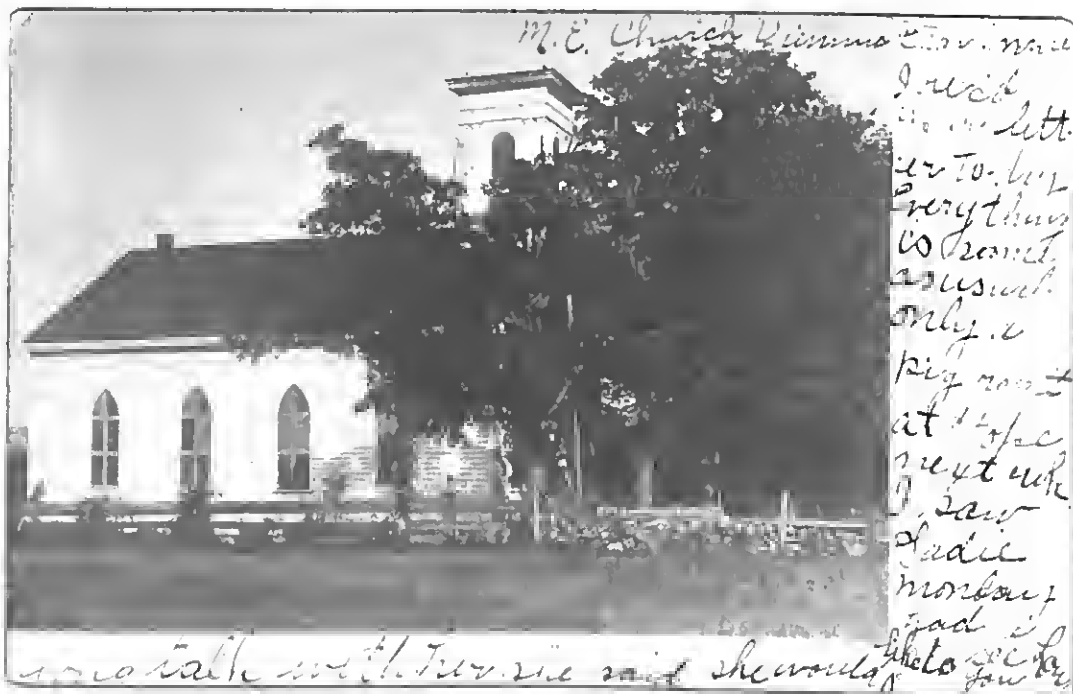


Methodist Church, Port Murry, N. J.

Note: Body of Water in above cards is Morris Canal



Summerfield



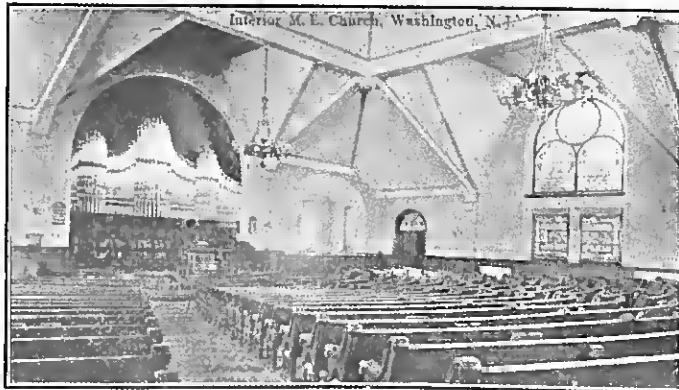


Walnut Valley



No. 5 Methodist E. Church, Washington, N. J.

J. WARREN FITTS



### Methodist Episcopal Church Rally Day, September 29, 1912

General Class Meeting--Reminiscences, 9.30 a. m.  
 Morning Service--Men's Choir; several short addresses; Baptism, 10.30 a. m.  
 Sunday School--Special exercises, 2.30 p. m.  
 Epworth League--Great mass meeting, 6.30 p. m.  
 Evening Service--Women's Choir; sermon: Claims of Church, Pastor, 7.30 p. m.  
*We ask your presence and help to make this day profitable.*

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F. L. WISER, Pastor

